

Amendments to the Claims

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1. (Currently Amended) A method of communicating, comprising:
a client device generating a data message comprising textual content intended to be received by one or more mobile devices~~using~~;
the client device transmitting the data message to a message authority ~~mobile device~~;
a message authority receiving the data message, associating a destination address associated with the data message with an identifier associated with the mobile device and with ~~an~~ one of a plurality of intermediate addresses associated with the message authority, including or appending the intermediate address to the data message, and forwarding the data message to ~~the~~ a mobile device, without the need for the mobile device to initiate a connection with the message authority;
the mobile device receiving the ~~transmitted~~ data message and displaying the textual content;
the mobile device causing a voice reply to the ~~received~~ data message to be

generated by speaking into the mobile device using a transmit action, wherein generating the voice reply comprises initiating a native voice call from the mobile device to the intermediate address associated with the message authority only, and to no other address;

the mobile device associating the voice reply with the identifier that identifies the mobile device;

the mobile device transmitting the voice reply to the message authority via the native voice call; and

the message authority, determining a destination address for the voice reply by reference to ~~the~~ a combination of the mobile device identifier and the intermediate address.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the mobile device transmitting a spoken reply in response to the transmit action.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising ~~a~~ the message authority receiving the ~~transmitted~~ spoken reply, and storing the ~~received~~ spoken reply as a voice-message.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising the message authority generating a data message indicating that a voice message is pending sending the data message to the client device.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, further comprising the message authority attaching the stored voice message or a copy of the stored voice message to the data message sent to the client device.

6. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising the client device receiving the data message and retrieving the voice message or a copy of the stored voice message.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein receiving the data message comprises the client device using an email client to receive the data message.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein retrieving the voice message comprises the client device receiving the data message and retrieving an attached voice message.

9. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein retrieving the voice message comprises the client device accessing the message authority to retrieve a copy of the voice message.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein generating and transmitting the data message ~~comprising~~ comprises using an email client to generate and transmit the data message.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the data message is an email message.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein generating and transmitting the data message ~~comprising~~ comprises using a web browser interfacing with a web-based application to generate and transmit the data message.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the data message is an SMS message.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the transmit action comprises pressing and holding a button on the mobile device while speaking the reply.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the transmit action comprises pressing and releasing a button on the mobile device before speaking, and pressing and releasing a button on the mobile device when finished speaking

16-19. (Canceled).

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the message authority converting the ~~received~~ spoken reply to a voice message and relaying the voice message to the determined destination address.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising associating both the mobile device identifier and the intermediate address with a communication pathway associated with the destination address.

22. (Currently Amended) A mobile communication device, comprising:
a receiver configured to receive a data message, the data message comprising an identifier associated with a message authority that can be used to determine a reply path associated with the ~~received~~ data message;

a processor configured to parse the data message, extract the identifier, and determine the reply path from the identifier; and

a transmit action mechanism, the communication device configured to receive a spoken reply to the data message in response to ~~the~~ an initiation of a transmit action using the transmit action mechanism.

23. (Currently Amended) The communication device of claim 22, further comprising:

a message generator configured to accept the spoken reply upon initiation of a transmit action, store the spoken reply as a voice message, create a data message, and ~~attach~~ attach the ~~stored~~ voice message or a copy of the ~~stored~~ voice message to the data message; and

a transmitter configured to transmit the data message and attached voice message via the ~~determined~~ reply path.

24. (Original) The communication device of claim 23, wherein the message generator comprises a microphone and associated audio hardware configured to receive the spoken response from a user and convert the spoken response into a voice message for transmission using the transmitter.

25. (Original) The communication device of claim 23, wherein the transmitter is a wireless transmitter configured to transmit a wireless message.

26. (Original) The communication device of claim 22, further comprising a display, wherein the data message further comprises textual content, and wherein the display is configured to display the textual content.

27. (Original) The communication device of claim 22, wherein the receiver is

a wireless receiver configured to receive a wireless data message.

28. (Original) The communication device of claim 27, wherein the wireless data message comprises a two-way text message.

29. (Original) The communication device of claim 27, wherein the wireless data message comprises a SMS message.

30. (Original) The communication device of claim 27, wherein the wireless data message comprises an email message.

31. (Original) The communication device of claim 22, wherein the transmit action input is a push-to-talk input.

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Original) The communication device of claim 22, further comprising a memory coupled with the processor, and wherein determining the reply path associated with the data message comprises accessing the memory and looking up the reply path using the identifier.

34. (Currently Amended) The communication device of claim 22, wherein the reply path determined from the identifier is an intermediate reply path associated with a message authority, and wherein determining a final reply path associated with the ~~received~~ data message comprises transmitting the spoken reply via the intermediate reply path to the message authority.

35. (Currently Amended) The communication device of claim 34, wherein the processor is further configured to associate an identifier that can be used to identify a user of the communication device with the ~~transmitted~~ spoken reply.

36. (Original) The communication device of claim 35, wherein the message authority is further configured to use the associated identifier and the intermediate reply path to determine a final reply path.

37-130. (Cancelled)